



# Legislative Update

## March 2007

*This report is a summary of legislation, introduced for the 2007-2008 Legislative session, on which the Commission is considering adopting positions. The legislation is arranged by Commission priority area, followed by a more general listing of bills, for which the staff recommend the Commission adopt watch positions at this time.*

*Many bills currently being offered for consideration are only “spot” bills at this point in the process—that is, the measures were introduced with little substantive content and will be further developed in the coming weeks. As legislation changes, staff will keep the Commission apprised of developments of interest.*

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The Commission advises the Governor and the Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. Its primary focus is to ensure that the State’s educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities. More information about the Commission is available at [www.cpec.ca.gov](http://www.cpec.ca.gov).

### Accountability

**AB 1413 (Portantino) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill places restrictions on employment contracts for the California State University (CSU) executive officers and requires that any contract and its terms be adopted by resolution at a board meeting of the CSU Trustees. The bill requires the Commission to report annually on instruction-related, student services, and administrative expenditures in the California Community Colleges, the CSU and the University of California (UC) and to perform comprehensive reviews of segmental compensation policies. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill, while staff seek clarification on the work requested of CPEC and amendments stating that these provisions be contingent upon CPEC receiving appropriate funding.

**SB 325 (Scott) – Commission Position – (Support, in Concept):** This bill enacts the California Postsecondary Education Accountability Act of 2007 (CPSEA) and requires CPEC to collect data for an annual assessment of the State’s postsecondary system in meeting the needs of Californians. Since no new funds are provided for this reporting, it is recommended that the Commission support the concept of this bill while staff work with the author to clarify the Act’s feasibility and estimated costs.

### Affordability

**AB 262 (Coto) – Commission Position – Support:** The bill urges the State’s public and independent institutions to adopt policies to regulate marketing practices of credit card companies. These provisions, to help students avoid unnecessary student credit card debt, are recommended in CPEC’s affordability report. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**AB 1548 (Solorio) – Commission Position – *Support, in Concept*:** This bill prohibits the California Community Colleges, the California State University (CSU), and the University of California (UC) from buying, selling, or allowing the sale of textbooks from publishers who have not posted specified information about textbooks on their websites or made the information commonly available elsewhere. Some aspects of this bill are consistent with Commission goals and adopted policies regarding college affordability, but others will require further clarification. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**SB 832 (Corbett) – Commission Position – *Support, in Concept*:** This bill prohibits the public post-secondary systems from using materials from publishers until the publishers have provided a complete list of all of the products offered for sale by each publisher, including the items' wholesale price and the estimated length of time the publisher intends to market each item. This bill is designed to improve the information available on textbooks so that campuses and professors can make more informed decisions about which textbooks they choose to carry. Textbook costs were identified as an area of increased costs in the Commission's affordability initiative. It is recommended that the Commission support this bill, in concept, while collecting further information on it.

## Workforce Development

**AB 365 (Portantino) – Commission Position – *Support - Sponsor*:** This bill requires the Commission to convene a taskforce to deliberate and report findings and recommendations regarding the relationship between higher education and the workforce for legislative review. This bill is based on policy recommendations from the Commission and is sponsored by the Commission. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill.

## Access

**AB 100 (Mullin) – Commission Position – *Support*:** This bill proposes a K-12 and higher education facility General Obligation Bond for November 2008 ballot approval. Staff will work with the authors to include its findings regarding joint use and capital planning in this bill. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill.

**AB 1409 (Portantino) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill authorizes K-12 districts to enter into partnerships with community college districts to provide college-level courses and career-technical education opportunities to high school students. The bill specifies that these concurrent students would be counted as California Community College students for funding purposes. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 1540 (Bass) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill formalizes the existing, privately-funded "Cash for College" financial aid information outreach efforts as a State program administered under the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). The bill appropriates \$3 million from the Student Loan Operating Fund (SLOF) and requires annual program evaluations. The bill is consistent with the Commission policies on financial aid outreach and access, but the funding source is uncertain. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 1578 (Leno) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill states legislative intent to establish and provide services and financial support to help foster youth achieve their educational goals and establishes the "California Competitive Grant Program" to provide comprehensive support in postsecondary institutions to students who are former foster youth. Staff are seeking greater details on this bill's cost and feasibility. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

## Professional Development

**SB 43 (Torlakson) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill amends the Governor’s Teaching Fellowship Program to align the number of recipients to what is proposed in the budget. It also reduces committee members, enforces completion of the program, facilitates the recovery of funds and relaxes the civil penalty on defaulters. It is recommend the Commission support this as it streamlines the program, but it shouldn’t be a priority.

**SB 232 (Ducheny) – Commission Position – *Support*:** This bill adds projects in the areas of art, foreign language, and physical education/health to the Subject Matter Projects (SMPs) and extends the sunset of the projects, by seven years, to June 30, 2014. CPEC has historically supported the seven current SMPs and the proposed new ones appear to be consistent with high school competency requirements. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill.

## Student Fees and Financial Aid

**AB 152 (Beall) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill establishes the California Pre-Paid Tuition Program under the authority of the ScholarShare Investment Board. Recent Commission policy supports “tuition guarantee” models that lock in four years of level tuition for entering freshman. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 175 (Price) – Commission Position – *Support*:** This bill increases funding for the Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards to \$1,551 in 2008-09 and by 5%–10% per year thereafter until they have increased by 20% of the measured access costs. This bill’s provisions are aligned with CPEC “access” goals. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill.

**AB 286 (Cook) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill repeals the existing exemption from nonresident tuition for aliens who have filed an affidavit, but who don’t have lawful immigration. Staff are continuing to collect information on this bill, and it is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 302 (De La Torre) – Suggested Commission Position – *Support, in Concept*:** This bill deletes the current limitations on access award amounts in the Cal Grant B program for students attending the California State University, the University of California, and non-public institutions during their first academic year. While this bill promotes access, due to its potential cost, it is recommended that the Commission adopt a “Support, in Concept” position.

**AB 488 (Portantino) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill establishes the community colleges’ Campus-Based Financial Aid Grant program and authorizes the California Community Colleges’ Chancellor’s Office to consult broadly in developing program policies and procedures. CPEC has supported the colleges moving toward a more formal, organized system of financial aid for needy students; however, the costs and logistics of this bill are presently undetermined. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 668 (Portantino) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill enacts the California Community Colleges’ Student Federal and State Financial Aid Opportunity Act and expresses legislative intent to increase the numbers of community college students receiving federal Pell Grants. Current Pell Grant calculations disadvantage community college students from getting larger Pell Grants and a larger share of Pell Grants due to our low student fees. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 1038 (Feuer) – Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill calls for the Legislature to implement a student fee policy for the California Community Colleges, the California State University and the University of California that sets fees at a percentage of the total cost. CPEC, in its March 2006 report, rec-

ommended revisiting the assumptions “cost of education”-based fee policies, to recognize all of the charges students pay to attend college. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 1559 (Berryhill) – Commission Position – *Support, in Concept*:** This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to adopt consumer protection policies relating to setting community college student fees that take into account increasing educational costs and student debt. This is likely a spot bill; and it is recommended that the Commission support it, in concept, while staff monitor its development.

**SB 160 (Cedillo) – Commission Position – *Support*:** This bill enables students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition to be eligible for existing statewide and campus-based student financial aid and community college fee waiver programs. It also expands the group of students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition (those who have attended a California high school for three years of more and graduated or obtained an equivalent degree) to include those students who have attended an adult school, as specified. Since this bill helps provide access to students, it is recommended that the Commission support this bill.

**SB 595 (Alquist) – Commission Position – *Support, if Amended*:** This bill extends the annual deadline for applying for Cal Grant “A” and “B” programs’ Entitlement and Transfer Entitlement awards from March 2nd to June 30th. The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) and the segments view these types of change as unworkable, because it would leave them with too little time to put together complete financial aid packages for students. Staff will work with CSAC and others to develop amendments limiting this change to a smaller, more manageable group. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**SB 769 (Alquist) – Commission Position – *Support*:** This bill calls on the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to convene a working group to develop strategies to improve access to postsecondary education for low income and underrepresented persons through the state’s Cal Grant financial aid program. Staff will work with the author and CSAC to ensure its representation on this working group. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill.

### Private Postsecondary State Oversight

**AB 1525 (Cook) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill replaces the expiring Private Postsecondary Education Reform Act of 1989 with temporary provisions to govern this area between the June 30, 2007 expiration of the old act and the proposed implementation of a new Act, as is contained in SB 823 (Perata), intended to take effect on January 1, 2008. The Commission has a long history in support of a healthy private proprietary sector and effective student protections. It is recommended that staff assist in the development of the temporary Act and that the Commission watch the bill.

**SB 823 (Perata) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill proposes the permanent replacement of the expiring Private Postsecondary Education Reform Act (see AB 1525, Cook). It is recommended that staff assist in the reconstruction of the Act and that the Commission watch the bill.

### Consent Calendar: Bills with a “Watch” Recommendation

**ACA 5 (Levine) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill proposes a change to a constitutional provision regarding the University of California; however, its specific intent is unknown. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**ACR 21 (Portantino) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill encourages the University of California to form an exchange program with historically Black colleges and universities. It is

recommended that the Commission watch this bill, while staff seek additional information on the effectiveness and efficiency of the program.

**AB 145 (Coto) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill establishes the California Center to encourage more Latinos to pursue science, technology, engineering and math degrees and professions. While the bill is well-intended and shares many CPEC goals and objectives, it will likely be costly; and it could potentially be combined with an existing program. It is also not advisable for the Commission to support any district/local bills, based on their use of State funds for a specific and limited purpose. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

**AB 153 (Blakeslee) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill requests that the University of California enter into a public/private contract for an Energy Biosciences Institute and expresses legislative intent for its funding. It is recommended that the Commission take a “watch” position on this bill until the need for and cost of the Institute is determined, as well as whether or not the proposed institute requires Commission review.

**AB 171 (Beall) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill adds “county counsel” positions to the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program. The current program has never been funded, and this change would add to the cost of the program. It is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 178 (Coto) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill establishes the College Readiness and Equity Program to provide grants, of \$100 per child, to high schools that enroll and support pupils in a college preparation curriculum. Funds can be used for tutoring, extended day, teachers and other related services. While the Commission supports the goals of this bill, it is recommended that the Commission watch this bill until it determines whether the program is proven and cost effective.

**AB 284 (Smyth) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill makes unknown technical changes to career technical education. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill until it is given substantive content.

**AB 359 (Karnette) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill adds special education service credential holders and subject area specialists, with current or projected subject area shortages, to the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE). It clarifies that qualification of a school is based on the number of credential waivers and emergency permits. This is an area of identified need, but it is not likely a Commission priority. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill until staff determine the potential impact on APLE and current program participants.

**AB 519 (Mendoza) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to include data on dropouts in the annual API measurement and to build information, on the availability of prerequisite courses for admission to the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC) that are available in public high schools, into the API calculation. Staff are seeking clarification on these provisions, and it is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 573 (Horton) – Suggested Commission Position-- Watch:** This bill expresses legislative intent to improve the operation and funding of community college vocational education programs. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill because, while it is currently a spot bill, it may develop into something substantial.

**AB 577 (Ruskin) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill provides that an existing Open Education Resources Center at Foothill-DeAnza Community College serve as a model in a pilot program to train other California Community College faculty and staff statewide. The bill defines what an “open education resource center” is and expresses legislative intent to fund the Foothill-DeAnza center

in the Budget Act. It is not advisable for the Commission to support any district/local bills, based on their use of State funds for a specific and limited purpose. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill until it determines whether this program is effective, an efficient use of funds, and requires legislation.

**AB 611 (Nakanishi) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill calls for the establishment of a loan repayment program for physician assistants, modeled after a similar program for registered nurses. Staff are seeking additional information on program costs, and it is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 883 (Dymally) – Commission Position – Watch:** This bill establishes within the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) program, the assumption of loans up to \$3,000 per year for 4 years, for teachers and interns who are qualified for APLE and who agree to teach in “high priority neighborhoods.” Staff suggest adding an evaluative component to this bill, and it is recommended that the Commission watch the bill.

**AB 1329 (Houston) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill makes a technical change to the title of the Senate-appointing authority for its members on the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill, as it is currently a spot bill, but might be amended to resolve an outstanding student financial aid issue.

**AB 1415 (Brownley) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill requires the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to develop, and the State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt, an accountability report card that assesses its accredited programs using multiple measures to gauge their effectiveness. The “accountability” focus is a Commission goal, and the bill could have a positive impact upon the operation of affected programs. The Commission’s experience developing and undertaking an accountability framework may provide helpful insights. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill until it determines the totality of programs to be assessed, whether the assessment can be done empirically, and if it can provide suggestions on the design of the assessment model.

**AB 1586 (DeSaulnier) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill requires the Trustees and urges the Regents to adopt prescribed minimum admission requirements for specified subjects at their respective institutions for first-year undergraduate students. The subject areas are to include history-social science, English, mathematics, laboratory science, language other than English, visual and performing arts, applied arts, and college-preparatory electives. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill to see if it develops into a proposal that would facilitate access to higher education, consistent with its higher education improvement areas.

**SCA 3 (Ridley-Thomas) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill would require the legislature to create an independent public postsecondary education system of community colleges as part of the Public School System. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill until it determines the policy and fiscal specifics of this proposal.

**SB 44 (Torlakson) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill establishes the California Teacher Cadet Program to be operated by the California Center on Teaching Careers. It requires the California State University (CSU) to convene an advisory group to develop hands-on curriculum and criteria and standards for a request-for-proposal. The bill appears to address the teacher shortage, a Commission goal. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill until it determines if the program is proven, cost efficient, and requires legislation.

**SB 139 (Scott) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill makes an individual employed as a registered nurse in a 24-hour facility ineligible for the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education (SNAPLE). It also limits the amount of related warrants to those authorized by the admini-

stration and the Legislature. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill until it determines the impact of the proposed change on SNAPLE and the excluded individuals, and whether this change is a program clarification that requires legislation. If it is determined that the change would help alleviate the nursing shortage, then the Commission should weigh in with a support position at that time.

**SB 190 (Yee) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill requires all meetings of the California State University Trustees be subject to the Bagley-Keene Act, with exceptions. The bill appears to be an executive compensation disclosure remedy. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill until it determines the details of the proposal and their impact.

**SB 218 (Steinberg) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill provides legislative intent that the California Community Colleges (CCC) be encouraged and enabled to create greater opportunities for high school students to earn high school credits at CCCs. It intends to increase high school students' opportunities to do vocational/academic work in CCCs. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill until staff determine the policy and fiscal details of this proposal.

**SB 268 (McClintock) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill deletes the provision for a person, who meets specified criteria and who is without lawful immigration status, from eligibility for paying non-resident tuition at the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the California State University (CSU). It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill as it is controversial, and it could impact access for a significant number of students if implemented.

**SB 314 (Wyland) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill adds one or more additional business community members to the existing career technical education advisory committees that are charged with developing connections between the districts' vocational programs and the employers. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill as it could complement the Commission's sponsored workforce development proposal, AB 365 (Portantino).

**SB 337 (Ackerman) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill makes technical changes to the conflict-of-interest provisions that pertain to the members of the auxiliary board of the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill as it is currently a spot bill, but will likely develop into a proposal to remedy the CSAC-EdFund situation.

**SB 347 (Cogdill) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill establishes the Community College Enrollment Fee Reimbursement Program, which would require the California State University (CSU) and request the University of California (UC) to reimburse their respective transfer students who complete between 60–72 units in community college before transferring and graduating from a CSU or UC within seven years of initially enrolling in a California community college. This is an incentive program to improve "time-to-degree" that, in theory, encourages students to take as few excess units as possible in the CCCs and to complete their degree programs in a timely manner. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill until it is able to determine the potential impact and cost of the program.

**SB 481 (Runner) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill creates a "Public Safety Incentive Program," to be administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), for loan assistance up to \$40,000, for lawyers practicing as prosecutors and public defenders. This bill requires a separate infrastructure for the program, with a separate account in the State Treasury. It is not clear that there is a need for this new program, given that the existing CSAC Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment program specifically includes prosecutors and public defenders and provides funding up to \$11,000, but has yet to be funded. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill unless staff determines the proposed program is more effective than the current one.

**SB 588 (Runner) – Suggested Commission Position – *Watch*:** This bill makes a change to the provision governing the powers of the State university trustees to set rules for all sorts of appointment and compensation aspects of California State University (CSU) employment. It also changes the citation for

settling disputes involving memorandums of understanding that allocate funding from the current “Legislature” to “the annual Budget Act.” It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill as it is currently a spot bill, but will likely develop into a more substantive proposal related to change in governance, compensation, or other administrative issue.

**SB 673 (Scott) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill extends Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) eligibility to include current teachers who are otherwise qualified for APLE warrants but have never accessed it. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill, while staff collect information on this proposal.

**SB 752 (Scott) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill would enact the California Kids Investment and Development Savings (KIDS) Account Act that would create an investment account for every child born in California each year beginning on or after January 1, 2008, and would provide for a one-time deposit by the state to each account in the amount of \$500 at the child’s birth. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill, while staff collect information on this proposal.

**SB 890 (Scott) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill establishes the early college commitment program. It requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to designate 30% of school districts with middle and high schools containing the highest proportion of low-income students as “college opportunity zones.” A designated school district that participates in the program is required to give its pupils in grades 6 to 9, and their guardians, the opportunity to sign pledge cards that indicate they would like to attend college. Other participating districts are required to give specified pupils who are in grades 6 to 9 and their guardians, the opportunity to sign a pledge card. Additionally, it requires participating districts to provide college information and preparation events for students. This bill is well-intended and could provide substantial outreach effort efforts to students who are unlikely to obtain a higher education; however, its implementation could have substantial cost. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill until additional information is determined regarding the scope and cost of this measure.

**SB 946 (Scott) – Suggested Commission Position – Watch:** This bill creates the Community College Early Assessment Pilot Program, designed to give high school students an indication of their college readiness in their junior year, so that they can use their senior year to improve their academic performance. The bill also calls for an independent evaluation of this initiative. This program’s objectives are consistent with the Commission’s goal of access. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill, until further information on its total estimated costs and administration is available.



**MATRIX 2007-2008 LEGISLATIVE - PRIORITY BILLS**  
updated as of 3/21/2007

Bill Number	Author	Subject	CPEC Position	Dead/2 YR	1st Desk	1st Policy	1st Fiscal	1st Floor	2nd Desk	2nd Policy	2nd Fiscal	2nd Floor	Conf./Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	Comments
<a href="#">AB 100</a>	Mullin	Education facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2008.	Support	1st Policy													03/08/2007-Re-referred to Com. on ED.
<a href="#">AB 152</a>	Beall	Postsecondary education: Golden State Scholarshare Trust: California Prepaid Tuition Program.	Watch	1st Fiscal													03/13/2007-Do pass as amended and be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
<a href="#">AB 175</a>	Price	Cal Grant B awards: access costs.	Support	1st Fiscal													03/13/2007-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (March 13).
<a href="#">AB 262</a>	Coto	Public postsecondary education: credit card marketing: regulations.	Support	1st Policy													02/22/2007-Referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.
<a href="#">AB 286</a>	Cook	Public postsecondary education: exemption from non-resident tuition.	Watch	1st Policy													02/20/2007-Referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.
<a href="#">AB 302</a>	De La Torre	Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards: award amount.	Support, in Concept	1st Policy													03/19/2007-Re-referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.
<a href="#">AB 365</a>	Portantino	Postsecondary education: Task Force on State Workforce Needs.	Support - Sponsor	1st Policy													02/22/2007-Referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.
<a href="#">AB 488</a>	Portantino	Community colleges: California Community Colleges Campus-Based Financial Aid Grant Program.	Watch	1st Policy													03/01/2007-Referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.

# California Postsecondary Education Commission

<a href="#">AB 668</a>	Portantino	Student financial aid: California Community College Student Federal and State Financial Aid Opportunity Act.	<b>Watch</b>	1st Policy ██████████	03/05/2007-Referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.
<a href="#">AB 1038</a>	Feuer	Postsecondary education: student fees.	<b>Watch</b>	1st Desk ██████████	02/23/2007-From printer. May be heard in committee March 25.
<a href="#">AB 1409</a>	Portantino	Pupils: concurrent enrollment in community college and secondary or elementary school.	<b>Watch</b>	1st Desk ██████████	02/26/2007-Read first time.
<a href="#">AB 1413</a>	Portantino	Public postsecondary education: California State University: trustees.	<b>Watch</b>	1st Desk ██████████	02/26/2007-Read first time.
<a href="#">AB 1525</a>	Cook	Private postsecondary education.	<b>Watch</b>	1st Desk ██████████	02/26/2007-Read first time.
<a href="#">AB 1540</a>	Bass	Student financial aid: Cash for College Program.	<b>Watch</b>	1st Desk ██████████	02/26/2007-Read first time.
<a href="#">AB 1548</a>	Solorio	Public postsecondary education: Transparency in College Textbook Publishing Practices Act.	<b>Support, in Concept</b>	1st Desk ██████████	02/26/2007-Read first time.
<a href="#">AB 1559</a>	Berryhill	Community college fees: consumer protection.	<b>Support, in Concept</b>	1st Desk ██████████	02/26/2007-Read first time.
<a href="#">AB 1578</a>	Leno	Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2007: California Competitive Grant Program.	<b>Watch</b>	1st Desk ██████████	02/26/2007-Read first time.
<a href="#">SB 43</a>	Torlakson	Governor's Teaching Fellowships Program: program administration and teacher development.	<b>Watch</b>	1st Policy ██████████	03/07/2007-Set, first hearing. Hearing cancelled at request of author. (Refers to 3/7/2007 hearing)
<a href="#">SB 160</a>	Cedillo	Student financial aid: eligibility: California Dream Act.	<b>Support</b>	1st Policy ██████████	03/14/2007-Placed on ED. suspense file.
<a href="#">SB 232</a>	Ducheny	Instructional strategies: subject matter projects.	<b>Support</b>	1st Policy ██████████	03/12/2007-Set for hearing March 28.

<a href="#">SB 325</a>	Scott	Postsecondary education: California Post-secondary Education Accountability Act of 2007.	<b>Support, in Concept</b>	1st Policy [REDACTED]	03/20/2007-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
<a href="#">SB 595</a>	Alquist	Student financial aid: Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasc oncellos Cal Grant Program.	<b>Support, if Amended</b>	1st Policy [REDACTED]	03/13/2007-Set for hearing April 11.
<a href="#">SB 769</a>	Alquist	Student financial aid: working group on Cal Grant deadlines.	<b>Support</b>	1st Policy [REDACTED]	03/08/2007-To Com. on ED.
<a href="#">SB 823</a>	Perata	Private post-secondary education.	<b>Watch</b>	1st Policy [REDACTED]	03/08/2007-To Coms. on ED. and B., P. & E.D.
<a href="#">SB 832</a>	Corbett	Public postsecondary education: textbooks.	<b>Support, in Concept</b>	1st Policy [REDACTED]	03/20/2007-Set for hearing April 11.



## Committee Membership

This part of the Legislative Update lists the members of the legislative policy and fiscal committees for higher education.

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### **Senate Appropriations Committee**

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### **Senate Education Subcommittee on Higher Education**

Vacancies

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